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Mr. Victor Der  
FutureGen  
Office of Fossil Energy (FE-22)  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Der:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to host the FutureGen power plant.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has identified a location along the Green River in Henderson County that it believes is ideal for the FutureGen facility. The 225-acre site is a reclaimed surface mine with easy access to barge transportation and water for cooling systems. The Kentucky Geological Survey has determined that there is good potential for carbon sequestration within the Knox Limestone formation, which is 8,000 feet below the surface. The Henderson County site also is close to two Kentucky parkways and offers three opportunities to connect to major interstate electricity transmission lines.

Kentucky also is home to two outstanding research institutions, the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, and the Commonwealth has a proud tradition of developing clean coal technology and demonstration projects. I hope you will realize the importance of this initiative to Kentucky and the nation and give appropriate consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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